

# GAMBLERS WOULD BRIBE POLICE

**Chinese Hui Offers Taylor Fourteen Hundred Dollars a Week for Protection and Monopoly.**

PAKAPAO.....	\$ 700 a Week
CHE-FA.....	400 a Week
FAN-TAN.....	300 a Week
Total.....	\$1400 a Week

Fourteen hundred dollars a week, for every week, has been offered A. P. Taylor, chief of the detective bureau, to allow a certain Chinese hui to open gambling games under his protection in the city of Honolulu and to guarantee them a monopoly of the gambling business. This offer was made during the past two weeks, the proposal of the bribe offerers being that they were to be allowed to open two pakapao banks now, for the protection of which Taylor was to be paid one hundred dollars a day, payment to be made every night after the lottery drawings. Later, within a few days, two che-fa banks were to be established, the price of protection for these to be four hundred dollars a week, payable at the end of every three days, and two fan-tan games, for which to be conveniently blind the head of the detective force would receive three hundred dollars a week, making a grand total, as soon as the gambling business of the hui was flourishing through the suppression of all the independent gambling houses, of fourteen hundred dollars every week.

In addition to this amount of money the hui offered to supply Taylor with a list of all the gambling houses and games in Honolulu and the vicinity and put at his disposal a force of Chinese detectives, whose business it would be to ferret out all the games being run outside of the ring and to act as informers in securing the arrest and conviction of the players and proprietors of these games. This was to serve a double purpose, to allow Taylor to "make good" in his crusade against the gamblers for the eyes of the public and also to force out of business any opposition to the hui's banks and tables.

According to the proposition made by the Chinese go-between, the game of pakapao was to have opened last night and the amount of hush money for the first three days, three hundred dollars, was to be paid to Taylor on Saturday night. As a proof that business was meant the go-between advanced to Taylor on Saturday night fifty dollars in gold, or one-half of the first day's receipts. This was to bind the bargain.

To these proposals and to the acceptance of the advance of fifty dollars of the bribe money Taylor submitted, acting under the advice of Attorney General Peters, Sheriff Iaukea, W. A. Kinney and Walter G. Smith, to whom every move made in the whole proceeding was submitted. The intention has been to see to what lengths the audacity of the Chinese gamblers of Honolulu would carry them in their efforts to prevent justice and bribe the public officials of the community. Now, still acting under the advice of his chief and friends, Taylor has resolved to expose the conspiracy and the attempts made to seduce him through the offers of large sums of money from the path of his duty, bribes offered with the assurance that hitherto other officials had accepted equally large sums of money under the same conditions.

The first advances came to him through a newspaper friend, then through a member of his family, in both instances the movement being made in such a way that while a lot was intimated nothing incriminating was actually said. These advances were reported by Taylor to the ones mentioned above and he was advised, as stated, to carry the matter as far as it would go.

Acting on this advice he had a meeting arranged, being taken to the store of Yuen Chong, on King street, between Maunakea and Smith streets, where he was introduced to Lee Tong and Lee Let, two of the leading Chinese merchants and business men of the city. After some desultory talk Lee Tong withdrew, leaving Taylor and Lee Let alone. Then the direct bribe was offered, Taylor pretending to fall in with the scheme of the briber. Lee Let admitted that he had been familiar with the big gambling hui which had before operated in the city, naming the conditions under which they had before been protected, some of the conditions being that the bribed official had not only to let the games run free of molestation, but was pledged to use his influence with the prosecuting attorney and the magistrate to let any protected gamblers off as lightly as possible, to pay their fines and legal expenses out of the protection fund and to pay whatever hush money was needed to silence other members of the police force who might get wise to the presence of the protected gambling houses.

To get positive evidence of the attempted bribery, Taylor asked for an advance fee and a time was appointed for him to call at the Yuen Chong store and receive it from Lee Let. In order that he would have proof that this money was actually received in this way, Taylor submitted to being searched by Sergeant Aea, at the police station on the night of Saturday last, the search being made in the presence of an Advertiser reporter, who is also a special police officer. This

reporter accompanied Taylor to the store mentioned and watched the door until Taylor reappeared. He kept Taylor in plain view until he joined him on Nuuanu avenue, accompanying him to the police station, where Sergeant Aea again searched him, finding the fifty dollars which he had received from the Chinaman. This money was placed in an envelope, initialed by the Deputy Sheriff, Taylor and the reporter, and placed in the receiving clerk's safe.

On Monday, Taylor, accompanied by the same reporter, visited the Chinese store again, both going in, the object being to force Lee Let into committing himself in the presence of a witness. Lee Let, however, was not in, but a note from him was handed to Taylor. The note read:

"Answer you everything this afternoon p. m. 3 o'clock, Monday."

The note was signed with the initials "L."

Taylor and the reporter paid another visit to the store yesterday afternoon, being met at the door by one of the Chinese clerks, who informed them that Lee Let was holding an important meeting, but wanted particularly to see Taylor, asking him to return at 6 o'clock. This hour was finally changed to 7 o'clock, at which time he and the reporter again went to the place, only to find the store shut. Lee Let was either away awaiting for the opening of his pakapao bank or had smelt a rat and was keeping out of the way. An inquiry at his residence on Vineyard street failed to bring any information as to his whereabouts, the Chinese there saying that he would probably be back around midnight.

Taylor had made up his mind that the business had gone far enough, authorizing the publication of the facts as given and the further publication of the statements as dictated by him day by day to the stenographer in the office of Sheriff Iaukea, copies of which were filed with the Sheriff, with the Attorney General and with the editor of the Advertiser.

Now that the public has an opportunity of learning plainly what the gambling situation in Honolulu is, what sums of money are involved in these "small" Chinese games, and with what impudence the chief gamblers propose to violate the law of the land with the connivance of bribed officials, it is to be supposed that the determination of the police to pursue a relentless campaign against the gambling evil will receive even more than it has the backing of all the law-abiding citizens of the community.

Following are Mr. Taylor's signed statements from day to day, which he is ready to put into affidavit form for the use of the grand jury:

## STATEMENT OF A. P. TAYLOR.

Taken at Police Station, February 5, 1907: On Wednesday, January 29th, 1907, while I was about to enter the office of the Hawaiian Gazette Co., H. M. Ayres, a reporter for the Advertiser, spoke to me, saying in substance: "Suppose a hui of Chinese offered you a certain sum of money to permit them to run a game of pakapao, say for instance, for a week; and suppose you accepted that offer, would you pinch them at the end of the week?" I replied, "Why, certainly, I would, just as much as I would at the beginning of the week."

On Saturday, February 1st, 1907, I went to the Queen's Hospital to see Ayres who had been taken there the night before at my orders to have some scalp wounds attended to, such wounds having been received by him in Palama. On the way back to town, Mr. Ayres accompanied me in a hack. He approached the subject of protecting a gambling game again. He said, "You remember that matter that I spoke to you about; well that is a go believe. There is a hui which wants to play pakapao and they came to me instead of direct to you (Taylor), because they thought that they better not go to you directly. Now this hui is willing to make an offer. If you will to look upon it as bribery, there is a chance for you to make a record for yourself. I think that a meeting could be arranged."

I replied: "It certainly is a good chance to make a record. You go ahead and arrange for any meeting, the sooner the better. I want to go to the bottom of this business." Mr. Ayres said: "Well, how would Monday do?" (meaning Monday, February 3rd), and I said, "Monday is just as good as any other day; go right ahead."

And this projected deal I reported to Walter G. Smith, editor of the Advertiser, and to Sheriff Iaukea, and discussed the matter, and it was decided that the best thing to do was to carry the thing out and capture the bribers.

On Tuesday I found the enclosed note on my desk at the police station: "February 4, 1907. "A. P. Taylor. "That matter is going through O. K. A rendezvous is being prepared for tomorrow about 3-5 p. m., so keep unengaged. Will see you here at 4:30 p. m."

(Sgd.) H. M. A. (I append Mr. Ayres' original note to me to this statement).

## VISITS FROM CHINAMEN.

On the morning of Tuesday, February 5th, before I had arisen from bed, a Chinaman whose name, I believe is Chung Soon, and is related to a former Chinese janitor of the High School, came to my house in Maunakea Valley and said that he wanted to see me very much, to inquire, as it was reported to me by Mrs. Taylor, about "informing"

about gambling games, that he wanted to be an informer. And he wanted to see me to see what I looked like so that if he had any business with me at the Police Station he would know at once who I was. He came into my bedroom and there stated that he would like to know if he could be an informer or even go on the regular police force if possible, but I told him that there was no chance to go on the regular force as far as informers were concerned, and if he wanted to inform on any gambling game he could do so. He said that he wanted to know the law. Then he asked in Hawaiian through Mrs. Taylor as interpreter if we (meaning the Iaukea administration) were going to allow gambling to go on during the Chinese New Year, say for at least three days, saying that — had always been very accommodating to them in this matter. He said that Lee Young Hoo, (stating that this was the real name of Ah Hoo), had always paid for the privilege of permitting these games to go on during the Chinese New Year.

I immediately came to the conclusion that Chung Soon came to my house, not to ascertain anything about informers, but to ascertain for parties interested whether I was going to permit gambling to go on as a privilege during the Chinese New Year. I told him at once that I would give no such privilege to any Chinese hui or to any person to carry on gambling. The law would be enforced then as at any other time. He said that Ah Hoo had paid money to — for privilege.

On Friday, January 31st, a young Chinese, representing the president of the new Chinese society, which opened their clubhouse on Kukui street and Aala Lane sometime last week, came to my office and asked whether I remembered the president of that society. I told him that I did and he said that the president wanted to see me very much about something, but did not want to come here to my office. "He wants to know when you are at your home," I told him that I was never at home at night. "Well," he said, "aren't you home one of the time for dinner?" I said, "Yes, but I was home only up to 7 o'clock." "All right," I told him. "Whereabout you live?" I told him in Maunakea Valley.

Last week Tuesday, January 28th, an old Chinese living at Maunakea Valley, came to my house. I was absent and to Mrs. Taylor he said that the Chinese were very desirous to carry on a gambling game during the New Year and hoped that the police would not interfere. He said that he wanted Mr. Taylor to let them play. "We pay for it, all police!" Mrs. Taylor told him that that was a matter which he had better not talk about. Then he said, "Well, you speak Mr. Taylor, perhaps you say no gambling going on in Maunakea; perhaps Mr. Taylor no come. We pay all right. Suppose we give you money you spend all right. You no tell Mr. Taylor."

## A MEETING PROPOSED.

At about 1:30 p. m. Tuesday, February 5th, H. M. Ayres called upon me at the Police Station and we had a conversation in the corridor concerning the proposition, or rather the proposed meeting of myself and the representatives of the Chinese hui concerning the moneyed protection of gambling.

Mr. Ayres stated to me that he had seen a representative and it was proposed to hold a meeting in the office of a prominent merchant not far from the Police Station. He stated that of course, if a time was arranged that it was desired that only myself (Taylor) and this one representative have a talk in private. Ayres stated that he had told this representative that as long as he was to be connected with the matter he felt that he should be a party to the transaction. Ayres told me that the others had agreed to this.

Ayres stated that it was proposed to have a lengthy discussion beginning with ordinary subjects, having a little feast, and then finally getting down to the gambling proposition. Ayres stated that they had made the proposition to open on New Year's February 12, and to conduct the games of pakapao, fan-tan and che-fa, and that there will be a proposition to allow gambling to go on uninterrupted during the New Year, and also another proposition to continue afterwards. That it would be a moneyed proposition for my (Taylor's) benefit. The discussion would go into such matters as unexpected raids upon these games, and who would pay the expenses of such raid after an arrangement had been made with me (Taylor) to pay me a certain amount.

Ayres suggested that although they might have a meeting this afternoon they preferred to have the meeting just after dark, say 6 o'clock or thereabouts. I told Ayres that my preference would be from 3 to 5:30, as I had other work to do and could not possibly have a meeting after 7 o'clock.

Ayres said that he would immediately go and arrange for me and that we would go to the place in a hack, and we would be met by Chinese and conducted to the rendezvous.

With that understanding Mr. Ayres left at about 1:45 p. m. and was to meet me again at 2:30 p. m.

## A. P. TAYLOR.

## AN ARRANGEMENT MADE.

At 2:40 p. m. Tuesday, February 4th, 1907, Mr. Ayres returned to the office and said that an arrangement had been made whereby he would call for me at 5:30 at the Police Station today. We would walk from the station to a point on King street near the fishmarket where a hack would be waiting for us and from there we would go to the rendezvous and the matter would be talked over. Mr. Ayres said: "I don't suppose, of course, that there will be any demonstration made this afternoon. You should apparently close the deal with them and let it go on smoothly." I replied: "Why, certainly, I will act in the matter right straight through." Ayres said, "That is the best way. These fellows are pretty sure that you will accept, as they say that you would be a damn fool if you didn't, because everybody else that has filled the same office has done the same thing."

## A. P. TAYLOR.

## MEETING THE BRIBER.

Tuesday, February 5, 1907. 5:30 p. m. — At 5:30 p. m. H. M. Ayres called for me at the police station, and together we walked down King street to the store of Yuen Chong, on the market of King street between Smith and Maunakea streets. At the entrance we

were met by Lee Tong. He conducted us to the rear of the store into an office, where I was introduced to Lee Let, he explaining that Lee Let was his cousin. We sat there for some time talking about general matters, the weather, etc., and finally Lee Let said something about Chinese New Year, and we talked about the Chinese New Year and what the Chinese did during their holiday week. At this juncture Lee Tong opened a cabinet and brought forth a bottle of Kentucky whiskey and some glasses. Lee Let also brought a box of choice Canton lichee nuts, explaining that they were the very best. The glasses were filled and we all toasted the coming New Year. About this time Lee Let stated that there was something that he wished to discuss with me and asked if it was agreeable to me to begin the discussion. I replied that it was. Then he asked Lee Tong and Mr. Ayres to retire while we discussed the matter alone.

## NINE HUNDRED A WEEK.

After Ayres and Lee Tong left the office Lee Let came out flat-footed saying that his brother, Lee Tong, was an oldtime resident here, as he was also, and said that his brother would like to start up some gambling games beginning about the New Year. Lee Let said, "It will have good backing. I am a business man here and I would represent Lee Tong myself in this matter if you thought best." I told Lee Let that he would do as well as anybody else. I asked what his plans were and he said, "Of course, this very small Chinese community, but we like to start some pakapao bank, che-fa bank, fan-tan and pakau. Perhaps we only start in small way and make bigger later on. We fix up all right with you, Mr. Taylor, and you help us out. Mr. Ayres he say you all right, and I think the matter can be fixed all right. We make conditions." I said: "Well, what conditions do you mean?" and he answered, "Well as you see this small Chinese community, I think we pay you \$900 one week. Maybe by and by we start che-fa game you make little more, then we try fan-tan and some money for you. You pay all expenses, Mr. Taylor." I said to him, "What do you mean by expenses?" and he replied, "Well, you see, probably somebody else have to help you look after things in the police department. Probably you no can do all yourself. Suppose some other people get arrested, you pay expenses in court, and we pay you \$900 a week for four banks." And I said: "You mean just through the Chinese New Year?" and he said, "No, we go continue right along each week and you get \$900." I said: "Will you furnish me with a list of your banks as well as other banks so I will not get mixed up?" and he said, "Yes, I give you list; you got to make some arrests, of course, to make people think you all right, but you don't arrest our people; we help you out that way." Little later on he said that "before in former time (meaning the former administration) \$500 a week was paid for three banks." Lee Let said, "When — was placed the persons running the bank, or those handling me over the money, under arrest I will have an opportunity of taking possession of the pakapao tickets, etc. I told him that I would follow his instructions.

Lee Let said, "I think you study over this matter; you make figure yourself and suppose we talk again." I said "all right" and asked, "When do you want to have another meeting?" He replied, "Tomorrow more better because it is getting close to New Year's and we want to get ready, soon"; and I said, "All right, I come down here again at 5:30 on Wednesday, and that would be February 6," and with that the discussion came to a close. Ayres and Lee Tong were called in and we had another drink all around and it was explained to Lee Tong that things were moving along satisfactorily.

## A. P. TAYLOR.

## THE SECOND MEETING.

Wednesday, February 6, 1907. 6:30 p. m. — At 5:45 p. m. today I again went to the store of Yuen Chong. I went alone, seeing that I had requested Joseph Leal to be somewhere in the vicinity within sight of the door, so that, should I wish him to come to the store at any time, he could do so by a sign agreed upon between us. I was conducted to the office and shortly after Lee Let came in. We at once engaged in the discussion of the proposed protection to the gambling interests of which he said he was the representative, or at least the "go-between" to conduct the negotiations between the hui and myself.

We went over the ground again and the "matter of expenses" was brought out in detail. Lee Let said that if I accepted the \$900 per week I was to pay the expenses, which would include his fee as a "go-between." Also from that sum I was to pay others whom I thought it would be necessary to pay in order to keep the matter as secret as possible.

Lee Let said, "We want to keep this thing secret as possible. Nobody else but you and me need to know anything about it. I pay you the money direct. More secret this matter better for you and better for me and the hui." I said, "Of course, we don't want many people to know about this." He answered, "Yes, more secret the better. If we keep going along why it would be more better for you because if we make more games then you get more money."

I said, "I certainly would require that if you opened up more games than what you have told me about now, that I should be paid a good deal more money. You say you start two games and you pay me \$900 a week. I think that is all right, but if you open che-fa bank, why I want more money, because I will have bigger expenses if you open more pakapao or fan-tan; because you have all the advantage in having so many games."

Lee Let said, "Sure, that all right; you think \$900 all right I go speak him right away—I go see them and tomorrow suppose you come see me again; I think we fix up all right; I think him think \$900 all right."

I said, "How are you going to pay this money over—by the week or by the day?" He said, "Oh I think every day we pay. You see we have two drawings every day. I think we pay every afternoon." I replied, "That will be all

right, I guess," and added, "I suppose I will look to you for it." He said, "Oh yes, me more better; just only me; I look after the two hui for you."

Then I asked, "Well, what arrangement will you make about the other games that are running in town that are opposed to you?" And he said, "Well, we furnish you with list all gambling game in town; we tell you which our game and which other people's game; you make arrest these other people all time; we furnish you with informers to tell you where the games are played."

I said, "Well, Lee Let, what sort of a guarantee can you make to me that this thing go on, say some time before New Year's?" Lee Let said, "We will not commence New Year's Day; Chinaman all talk about gamb; but first day all make calls and day after all Chinaman want to play gamb." "Well," I said, "It seems to me that I ought to have a cash guarantee before that time, say one day's payment. I have expenses of many kinds in this matter, and I will need some money in advance." Lee Let said, "Oh I fix that all right; I advance money before time, say Friday." Then I said, "That is all right, but be sure you do it." After a short discussion over the same points I said, "Well, when are you going to fix this thing up, Lee Let?" and he said, "I go right to work right away on it; I see hui tonight and tomorrow we have meeting. This money little more than what other people use to pay; they pay \$800 a week and we pay \$900; that is all right; Ah Hoo in another hui he pay \$800." I asked if Ah Hoo is to be in the present hui, and Lee Let said "Yes."

The proceedings were brought to a close, the agreement being that I should return to the store again tomorrow (Thursday) at the same hour, 5:30 p. m. A. P. TAYLOR.

## ATTORNEY GENERAL CONSULTED.

Thursday, February 7, 1907. 1:15 p. m. — A copy of the foregoing statement was handed to the Attorney General, Mr. Peters, by me, and a general conversation held concerning this whole matter. The Attorney General advised that this afternoon just before I leave the station for the store that I be searched by an officer so that when I left the station there would be no money on my person. I shall be shadowed to the store in question by someone, and on leaving the place I shall also be under surveillance, and joined by the watcher before arriving at the station. At the station I am to be searched again, so that if there is any money found upon my statements, as well as the statement of the watcher, will prove that I obtained this money in the store in question. This money, if I receive any, will be handed over to the receiving clerk at the station, the amount and the dates of the coin to be registered and O. K'd by myself and by the one who watched my movements.

Mr. Peters also advised that I let the matter run on until Wednesday next (February 13), and let the bank open on that day. In the meantime an agreement shall be made between myself and Lee Let that I go to the place where the bank holds forth and receive the first day's payment. He stated that this would give me an opportunity to see up the bank in question, and if I placed the persons running the bank, or those handling me over the money, under arrest I will have an opportunity of taking possession of the pakapao tickets, etc. I told him that I would follow his instructions.

## GETS A REPORTER.

2 p. m. — I saw R. O. Matheson, reporter of the Advertiser, and asked him to accompany me to the store where Lee Let conducts his business, he to remain in the outer store while I go into the office with Lee Let. Mr. Matheson is also to be at the police station when I am searched and will accompany me to the store, and also accompany me back again to the police station.

Mr. Matheson is thoroughly acquainted with the situation concerning the proposed protection of the pakapao banks which Lee Let represents.

## A. P. TAYLOR.

## ARRANGING FOR MORE GAMES.

Thursday, February 7, 1907. 6:30 p. m. — At 5:40 p. m. today, in the presence of R. O. Matheson, I was searched by my office by Sergeant Aea, and no money found on my person. Sergeant Aea attesting to this fact. Accompanied then by Mr. Matheson, I went to the store of Yuen Chong, Mr. Matheson also saw me come out of the store and kept me under surveillance until I arrived at Nuuanu avenue, where he joined me, and he found that there was no money on me then, as none was given me.

At the Yuen Chong store I met Lee Let and we at once discussed the proposition in hand. He had a piece of paper covered with Chinese characters and this he told me was a statement of the proposition to me from the hui.

Reading from this paper Lee Let said, "The hui say first week of gambling beginning Wednesday, day after New Year's; we play three days and then on the fourth day we pay you the accumulated money for the first three days. This is the money towards your expenses. Then next week pay the whole amount day by day."

Lee Let continued: "They want you to figure also on che-fa and fan-tan, say two che-fa games and two or three pakau, and four fan-tan games, and let them have your estimates. You Mr. Taylor to keep all these secret and give nobody else a chance."

I said, "How much, then, do you want to pay for pakapao per week?" and Lee Let said, "We like pay same as Ah Hoo, but the hui they think they can only pay \$700 a week and not \$900." I said, "Well, maybe \$700 a week enough; I will let it go at \$700."

Lee Let said, "We like che-fa open and continue same time as pakapao. Now for pakapao we like open two to four banks; very good if two; and two to four che-fa banks and very good for two because this small community."

Lee Let continued: "Now if any man arrested with ticket you, Mr. Taylor, pay all his expenses in court, so no trouble get to these banks. Suppose man arrested you pay his attorney; you pay his fine."

I said, "I suppose you mean that if your people are arrested and their cases come up in court that I am to influence the prosecuting attorney to ask that only a small fine be imposed, if they are found guilty, so that it will be

easier on me. Is that right?" Lee Let said, "Yes, that is it. Then all same attorney."

I said, "Then the best thing for me to do is to get a cheap attorney so as to keep the expenses down all around." Lee Let said, "Yes."

Lee Let said, "Now if business stops so can not open banks then expenses to you, Mr. Taylor, stop."

I then said to Lee Let, "What about this cash guarantee I spoke to you about? You see, I will have some expenses before you open up this bank. There are one or two men that I will probably have to pay and I haven't got the money to pay them right away. I think one day's payment should be paid over to me ahead of time."

Lee Let said, "All right, Mr. Taylor, that all right. I advance you \$100 myself; suppose I pay you Monday." I said, "Well, Monday all right, but be sure you do."

Lee Let said, "Mr. Taylor, we like get your figures for che-fa as soon as possible. You let us know tomorrow (Friday), and I said, "Yes, I let you know tomorrow night."

With this I left the office.

## A. P. TAYLOR.

## FOURTEEN HUNDRED A WEEK.

Saturday, February 9th, 1907.

8:30 p. m. — At 7:45 p. m., at the Police Station I was searched by Sergeant Aea in the presence of R. O. Matheson, special officer, and no money found on my person. Accompanied by Matheson, I left the station, proceeding to Yuen Chong's store by way of Nuuanu and King streets. In the office of Mr. Lee Let, and according to a decision of a meeting held at 11 a. m., Lee Let asked me if I had definite figures to name for che-fa and fan-tan games to run continuously with pakapao, which had already been rearranged for at \$700 per week. I told him that I thought that \$700 in addition to the \$700 would cover all the games. He said he was very glad to know this and wanted to know whether they could not start che-fa first. I told them I had rather they start pakapao first as per their original arrangement. He asked me if they could go ahead to open pakapao either on Chinese New Year's, Tuesday, February 12, or the next day. I told him he could do whatever he pleased. He said that he wanted to know positively whether they could go ahead as they had to get a man from Koolau who was an expert in pakapao, as this man could have to arrange the charts, tickets, etc. I said "Go ahead and send for the man."

Lee Let said that he was very glad that everything was settled, but wanted still more assurance that he and the hui which he represents would have the exclusive right—that nobody else would have a chance to operate games.

Then Lee Let took out from his pocket some gold money and said "Mr. Taylor, I got \$50 for you." And I said "Well, I thought it was going to be a hundred, that is one day's payment on the pakapao game, and he said, "I got \$50 today and I think that all right, Mr. Taylor."

## THE FIRST PAYMENT MADE.

Just as Lee Let was about to turn a handful of gold over to me some one passed by the office and Lee Let closed his hand over the other hand and held it there and said, "Well, Mr. Taylor, I hope you good luck," and he rubbed both hands together with the coins between, and then as the person passing by went away he dropped the coins into my hands and I said to him "Well—we will call this one-half of the first day's payment. When you pay me for the first three days you can deduct \$50 from the amount due." I then wrote on a deposit slip of the Bank of Hawaii, Ltd., the following memorandum:

"Three days' play keep going; pay all on the 4th day; deduct \$50 already paid on Saturday, February 9. My cousin pay you the money I think—not me (Lee Let)." I wrote two of those slips, intialing each one, and handed them over to Lee Let and told him to sign his name—he to keep one and I to keep the other. He read them over and then said, "Well, Mr. Taylor, you no trust me; I think you no need have that paper; I think you trust me all right."

Lee Let then asked me to see him on Monday morning again. When I left the store of Yuen Chong I saw Mr. Matheson across the street and he watched me as I walked along King street to Nuuanu where he joined me. I rattled my pocket so that I could hear the clink of the gold coin. We went to the station and again I was searched by Sergeant Aea in the presence of Matheson and Deputy Sheriff Jarrett. Sergeant Aea found \$50 in gold in my right hand coat pocket; there were two tens and six fives; this money was placed in an envelope and a statement as to how I came by the money written across the face of it and each person present wrote their names on the envelope which was then deposited in the safe of the receiving clerk.

Sergeant Aea made the following memorandum: "Mr. Taylor was searched by me in the presence of an Advertiser reporter. I found a bunch of keys, a few cigars and an eye case; there was no money on his person when he left the Police Station at 7:45 p. m. Saturday evening."

"At 8 p. m. Saturday evening, Taylor returned with the reporter; he was searched by me in the presence of the Deputy Sheriff and the reporter and during my search I found \$50 in gold; there were two tens and six fives. (Sgd.) "JOHN AEA."

## A. P. TAYLOR.

## RHEUMATIC PAINS QUICKLY RELIEVED.

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## JAPANESE SQUADRON EXPECTED.

The visiting Japanese squadron can be expected to arrive here any time after today. They are now out 14 days, according to one report from Yokohama.

Considerable apprehension is felt over the S. S. Elaine. She is now about 24 days out from Newcastle for Honolulu. She should have made the run in at least 17 to 18 days.